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## University student swaps halls of residence for a caravan

# HOMESWORK

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The “astronomical” costs of university accommodation has pushed one student to look for an unconventional solution.

Lucas de haro Pishoudt, 21, a computer forensics and business student, bought a caravan in Spain during the summer and drove his new home across Europe, after getting into debt when he was living in Kingston University halls of residence.

The caravan cost £2,200, but the student says he is now spending about £100 a month to live in it, compared with the £600 a month he was paying in rent last year.

Mr de haro Pishoudt said: “When I finished last year I could not afford to pay my final bills.

“I got into a lot of debt and I was still paying even though I had gone home for the summer.

“The caravan just seemed like the best option.

“My friends thought it was a crazy idea at first, but I have solar panels that give me electricity, a shower and water.

“It is a good space.”

The biggest problem he faces is finding a permanent site for his home.

He said: “I get to stay somewhere for a week or so and then get moved on.

“Having to move around so much does not affect my studies as much as worrying about money did.”

Accounting and finance student Moustapha Bah, 24, echoed Mr de haro Pishoudt’s rent woes.

He said: “I pay £800 a month in rent and my parents really help out.

“I would not be able to pay my bills if my course was longer and my parents didn’t cover my rent.”

The National Union of Students is currently calling for rent controls for student accommodation and investment by institutions.

NUS welfare vice-president Shelly Asquith said: “The housing crisis is forcing students, whose incomes do not match the rising cost of living, into untenable conditions.

“Struggling to choose between



**Home comforts: Lucas de haro Pishoudt lives in a caravan due to expensive accommodation**

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paying rent, bills or travel costs each week, the growing stress and a need to work more hours is affecting study.”

A spokesman for Kingston University advised students to look at cheaper houses in New Malden or Tolworth.

He said: “We know that where students live has a big impact on their time at university and how much they get out of their experience.

“Students have the option to choose from seven different halls of residence, catering to a wide range of needs and budgets.

“We would advise students to not only focus their property search in Kingston itself, but also consider looking in neighbouring areas with good rental options.”



## Mary Clark ousted from committee



**Councillor Mary Clark**

Long-standing Kingston Councillor Mary Clark was ousted as co-chairwoman of the Malden and Coombe neighbourhood committee last week.

The committee moved to a chairman and vice-chairman system after fellow committee co-chairman Councillor Terry Paton surprisingly stepped down on Thursday, October 1.

Councillor Clark was said to be visibly upset by the ruling, but did not comment before she left the meeting.

She later said she was “upset” and “saddened” by the ruling.

Coun Clark and Coun Paton will be replaced by former mayor Ken Smith as chairman and Beverley Ward Councillor Paul Bedford as vice-chairman.

● For the full story see this week’s Surrey Comet.

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# Need for school places soaring

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A new school very nearly came within the grasp of Surbiton parents before it moved across to Kingston, but new information still shows the need for another primary school in the area.

In 2013 the Education Funding Agency (EFA), along with international free school provider Gems, offered to set up a free school in Surbiton, but ended up buying Swan House in the middle of Kingston town centre instead.

Statistics now gathered and published by the Greater London Assembly (GLA) show the predicted number of school places needed for four-year-olds in Berrylands in 2018 will be 144 – a rise of 12 per cent on the current figures moving on to primary education.

Similar estimations were made for St Mark's ward, where 114 nursery school places would be needed – an 8 per cent rise. This again



**Work continues: Councillor Andrea Craig**

highlights the need for a primary school in Surbiton.

Dad-of-two Ross Logan, of Beaconsfield Road, in Surbiton, said: "Will we still be in Surbiton [in a couple of years] – one because it's expensive and two, will we get our boys into a school?"

"It's a concern for a lot of people. We are putting all our eggs in one basket, so another school would be welcome, but I can't see that happening any time soon. Certainly not in the time [my son] needs one."

The school that never was – Surbiton Primary Academy –

had its own website, which was quickly changed to Kingston Primary Academy after the plans fell through.

The Kingston school is expected to open in September 2016.

Jodie Croft, from Gems, said a year had been spent searching for a site in Surbiton, but a space big enough was never found.

She agreed anyone hoping to put a school in the area would struggle.

Mrs Croft said: "There was a lot of disappointment when we moved from our part as well."

St Mark's Councillor Liz Green, leader of the Liberal Democrat opposition, said: "I don't think there's any argument by anybody that the EFA, who buys up free schools, has any sense whatsoever. We obviously need a school in the Berrylands area towards Tolworth, somewhere at the Surbiton, Tolworth border. We've known this for some time."

Councillor Andrea Craig, cabinet member for schools, said work was continuing on



**Central site: Swan House in Kingston has been bought by the EFA – instead of finding premises in Surbiton**

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getting a site in Surbiton.

She said: "We always said we needed extra places in Surbiton, which is why we directed Gems towards that area when it first suggested to us it wanted to establish a free school in the borough. The EFA was unable to secure a site in Surbiton within the

requisite timescales and we agreed the school should instead open in Kingston, another area of high need for places."

She added work to secure a site for a free school in Surbiton that would open "in the next few years, when it will be needed," was continuing.

**SERVICE CONVERSATION:** The final Kingston Conversation event, where residents get the chance to speak out about services to cut and keep, will take place next week. Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis will discuss budget cuts and changes to various services at Tudor Drive library, Kingston, on Saturday, October 10, from 10am to noon.

**SNOW VOLUNTEERS:** Kingston Council has asked for volunteers to clean snow from the streets if blizzards hit this winter. Training will be given by the council and tools and grit delivered to volunteers in November. For more information email sue.marwood@kingston.gov.uk or call 020 8547 5862.

**DEVELOPMENT REJECTED:** Plans to demolish New Malden's Shell garage and replace it with flats and a mini-supermarket have been rejected by Kingston Council. The development control committee decided against the Coombe Road plans on September 29, at the Guildhall. Officers had originally recommended it for approval despite local opposition.

**STATION LIFTS:** Work has started to replace lifts at Surbiton station. It is expected to be finished by March 2016. The lifts will be replaced in shifts, with different platform lifts being out of action at different times. The lifts on platform 3 and 4 will be replaced first.

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## Zac Goldsmith in Mayoral race

Richmond Park and North Kingston MP Zac Goldsmith has been named as the Conservative London Mayor candidate.

Mr Goldsmith achieved 6,514 votes to be selected. That is 5,000 more than second place choice MEP and Surbiton resident Syed Kamall.

Deputy mayor for policing Stephen Greenhalgh was in third place with 864 votes and London Assembly member Andrew Boff came in fourth with 372 votes.

Mr Goldsmith said he would be campaigning on green issues and addressing London's housing crisis during his campaign.

He said: "Our living environment is facing increasing pressure and we will need to protect, enhance and improve access to our green spaces, as well as radically improving the quality of

the air that we breathe.

"But the biggest challenge of all is the housing crisis. Londoners are being priced out of their city and we will need a step change in the number of homes built, and the manner in which they are built."

Mr Goldsmith is up against Labour MP for Tooting Sadiq Khan, Liberal Democrat Caroline Pidgeon and Green Party's Sian Berry for the London Mayor job in the 2016.

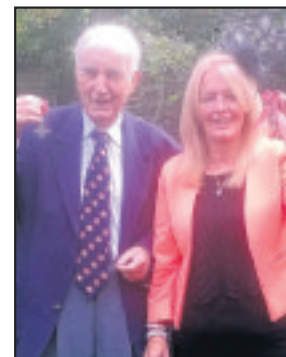
Mr Kamall said he would be supporting his former rival in "every way possible" during his campaign.

He said: "I think Zac will fight a good campaign. He will be the one setting the policies and I will help him in every way I can."

The vote will be held on May 5 2016. Those who wish to vote must register before April 19.



**Candidate: Zac Goldsmith**



## Like father, like daughter

The daughter of an Old Malden councillor has followed in her father's footsteps and been made an MBE.

Lorraine Brockhurst, 54, the daughter of Councillor David Fraser, 54, was presented with the honour by Prince William in a ceremony at Windsor Castle on September 20.

Mrs Brockhurst found out in June that she would be made an

**MBEs: Lorraine Brockhurst and Councillor David Fraser**

MBE for services to HM Revenue and Customs.

The same honour was given to her father two years earlier for more than 40 years in social work.

Coun Fraser said: "Lorraine sets up projects at schools for pupils to come and get work experience with the Inland Revenue. She offers kids opportunities they wouldn't otherwise get."

"She was with me when I was at Buckingham Palace, so she was pretty well rehearsed."

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# Gran's birthday spin on Top Gear circuit

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A grandmother celebrated her 90th birthday by driving a Ferrari around the Top Gear test track to raise money for charity.

Pat Farr, of Alverstone Road, New Malden took to the track at Dunsfold Aerodrome near Guildford to raise money for the Royal Marsden cancer charity.

The petrolhead grandmother, who will turn 90 in November, even got a mention on new Top Gear host Chris Evans's radio show.

She said: "My grandchildren just said they were going to arrange for me to drive a Ferrari, and I thought, 'Game on'."

"I've been on a high ever since, it was a wonderful little drive and a wonderful experience."

So far Mrs Farr has raised almost £2,000 for the charity, which she chose as both her brother and sister have had cancer diagnosed.

She added: "It was payback time in my view. I don't know one family that hasn't been affected by cancer."

"Just doing a thing like that

A need for speed Pat Farr beside the car she drove



can raise money to fight this horrible disease. I'm so grateful for everything everyone has given."

The fundraiser was organised as a birthday gift from her family, who watched on when she completed the drive on September 19.

Her daughter Gill Mott said: "She just grabbed the opportunity with both hands

and the fact that we were there just made her enjoy it so much more."

"The fact's she's in good health and has led a good life, she just wants to raise as much money as possible."

Donate at [justgiving.com/patsperrarichallenge](http://justgiving.com/patsperrarichallenge).

## It's a bug's life in park

A hotel to cater for smaller and more unusual guests has been opened in Surbiton.

Kingston mayor Roy Arora cut the ribbon on the bug hotel, complete with creepy crawlies, in Claremont Gardens on September 26.

Tom Hooker, chairman of Surbiton Wildlife Group, which installed the hotel, said: "The hotel has been amazingly well received and will hopefully be a long-term fixture and attraction for residents and wildlife. We are also going to run educational visits for local schools."

Hotel: Roy Arora cuts the ribbon



## Hendrix helps hospital

Inspired by a Worcester Park boy's battle with leukaemia, a giant Jimi Hendrix painting was raffled off to buy toys and televisions for Epsom Hospital's children's ward.

Five-year-old Joshua Overy was diagnosed with cancer on June 18 and has received chemotherapy, lumbar punctures, bone marrow tests and blood transfusions at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton.

Joshua's less intensive treatment takes place at Epsom Hospital, where his

father, Lee Overy, says there are only two mobile TVs and a limited range of toys across the whole paediatric ward.

When Mr Overy set out to raise money to buy toys and a 3D TV, friend and artist Elmo Hood decided to sell the 1sqm painting in a raffle which raised £1,600.

Mr Overy, 38, said: "It's obviously been an incredibly hard time for our family, but it is absolutely amazing the support we get from people like Elmo."

"I can't say how grateful we



Raffled: Elmo Hood's work are to have a friend who will lend a hand to our cause without a second thought."

## Matilda

A theatre star surprised children at West End Academy with an original Matilda workshop.

Marc Antolin joined the group at the theatre and media academy in Maple Road, Surbiton, on Friday, September 18.

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# Council leader: We must protect football 'heritage'

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Kingston Council leader Councillor Kevin Davis has pledged his support to save Kingstonian, but denied petitioners' claims a covenant exists protecting the 130-year-old club.

Last week this newspaper started a campaign to secure the future of Kingstonian as the sale of home stadium Kingsmeadow nears.

Leaseholders AFC Wimbledon share the ground with Kingstonian but are on the verge of completing a deal to sell the lease to Premier-League champions Chelsea.

An online petition calling on freehold owners Kingston Council to honour an alleged covenant they made 25 years ago for Ks to remain at Kingsmeadow has collected more than 450 signatures. It needs 500 to be discussed at council level.

In an official statement, Councillor Davis said: "It is important to clarify the position with regards to the lease of Kingsmeadow stadium and the influence the



**Out of play? Kingstonian vs Wimbledon at Kingsmeadow earlier this year – now the stadium faces being sold**

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council can have in all this.

"Kingston Council owns the freehold for Kingsmeadow stadium and that is not for sale. AFC Wimbledon are the leaseholders and could, if they wanted, decide to effectively sell that leasehold.

"The current lease between the council and AFC Wimbledon allows (but does not require) AFC to sub-let,

which they do in the form of a ground-sharing agreement with Kingstonian FC.

"As far as I'm aware there is no covenant in the title to the land or in the lease between Kingston Council and AFC that obliges any party to provide accommodation to Kingstonian FC.

"That said, I for one am committed to doing whatever I can to ensure



**Pledged support: Kevin Davis**

Kingstonian has a future in the borough. As our borough grows and changes, we must protect our heritage and the things that make this area special. Kingstonian FC certainly falls into that category.

"I have met with representatives of Kingstonian FC to offer the council's support in either negotiating a new ground-sharing agreement with new leaseholders, should a transfer of the lease go through or, failing that, in trying to identify suitable locations in the borough for a new ground to be built."

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**A toast: Comet features editor June Sampson with Kingston mayor Councillor Roy Arora, left, and owner Umesh Ummat**

# Paper raises the bar

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The Kingston Guardian's sister title the Surrey Comet's stellar history and role in the borough has been recognised – a bar has been named after the paper.

Reporters from throughout the 161-year history of the Comet have picked up many of their juiciest stories in drinking establishments – some rarely left the places.

The Kingston Lodge Hotel's bar – complete with rugby for the World Cup – was renamed the Comet bar after the owner's 23-year-old son came up with the idea.

Umesh Ummat said: "My son Sam said, why don't we do

something in the bar? Then we came up with the idea to name the bar after the Surrey Comet."

There is a sign outside and a rugby ball with the Comet logo above the Kingston Hill hotel's bar – which has also been known as the Fox and Coney, the George and the George and Dragon.

And there have been some good stories from the establishment too.

Comet features editor June Sampson, who attended the opening, said: "I'm thrilled. It was called the Fox and Coney when the Comet was born. People used to come here to watch the hangings."

"They used to cheer whenever a person was hanged. Then it got replaced a couple of times, but now they have kept part of the original

building. This used to be the place for a bean fest too."

One of Kingston historian Sian Butters' books brings to light a 1778 armed robbery when, according to a bailiff's book from the year, an unnamed wheelwright caught the robbers outside where the hotel now stands.

Recent years have seen French rugby teams carousing until 3am after a defeat against an English club, and a group of Japanese parliamentarians smiling after their nation's win against South Africa.

Conference and banqueting manager Kate Taylor, who has worked at the Kingston Lodge since 1996, said: "I think it's exciting. It's nice to see something different. It's not been done before."

**FAST FOOD:** Surbiton fast food fans will have one less place to get their burger fix for the next week as McDonald's undergoes extensive refurbishment. The Victoria Road restaurant has had its entire interior, windows and sign removed while it is spruced up. It will re-open on October 13.

**NEW HOME:** Kingston Samaritans has moved home after 30 years in St Andrews Road. The offices are in temporary accommodation. You can still contact Samaritans on 07725 909090 or by email to jo@samaritans.org.

**STOP SMOKING:** A Stoptober road show set up on Tuesday in Kingston's Market Place in the aim to help smokers stop. The council-funded service Kick-it will be offering free advice to anyone hoping to quit smoking every Tuesday in October.

**VIEW HISTORY:** The Surrey Comet archives will be available to view as part of a new history centre in Kingston's Guildhall. The centre, replacing the local history room and archives, previously in the old North Kingston Centre, will open to the public on Wednesday, October 28. It was created by Lorraine Monk.

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# Battle to save garage

REPORTER

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Protesters against a planned Sainsbury's store in Berrylands claim a piece of the borough's racing car history will be lost if the building goes ahead.

A planning application for the shop and five flats on the site of the petrol garage at 118 Raeburn Avenue has been submitted to Kingston Council.

But campaigners claimed the building should be protected because of its connection to the famous Cooper racing garage.

Car making legend John Cooper rented the garage in the late 1940s and started to build his racing empire there, before moving on to the famed Mini Cooper garage in Hollyfield Road.

Raeburn Avenue resident Peter Bell said: "The cars were tested up and down the road. These were not the Mini Cooper cars. These were big racing cars."

"Sterling Moss was spotted a few times testing the cars."

"The building has a great history and it would be a real shame to lose it and see it demolished."

The old Cooper garage in Hollyfield Road, often referred to as the birthplace of the Mini Cooper, is also up for sale.



**Application: Developers want to build a Sainsbury's and five flats on the site**

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Teenager Kyle Stanger received support from across the world when he started the Save the Home of the

Cooper campaign in May and urged the council to list the property as a community interest site.

A commemorative plaque was fixed to the Hollyfield Road building last month.

The application by Kent-based company Kal-max Properties shows plans for a three-

storey building with a supermarket on the ground floor with provisions for car access, parking, and landscaping.

Agent Barry Kitcherside said: "All the information about the building and planning history is available on the [council] website."

"Residents can make comments about the application there."

Comments on the proposal close on October 16.

Visit [kingston.gov.uk](http://kingston.gov.uk) for more information.



**BRUSH WITH LAW:** A motorist has been spotted brushing her teeth while driving through Kingston town centre. Cyclist Jon Fray said he was in "total shock" after seeing the woman driving along Richmond Road at about midday on Saturday, September 26. He said: "I could see her coming towards me with her hand up to her face. She wasn't going fast, but she was still moving. When I got closer I was amazed to see that it was a toothbrush. I was in total shock." Mr Fray reported the driver in the Volkswagen Polo to police, but was unable to see the licence plate. Sergeant Dave Williams, from Kingston police's town centre team, said: "We're keen to identify the driver of this car so we can speak to her about her driving."

**NO-GO ZONES:** Plans to introduce more controlled parking zones (CPZs) around New Malden High Street have been scrapped after a consultation failed to receive a sufficient enough response from residents. The council consultation in July received a response rate of 25 per cent, 15 per cent short of the 40 per cent needed to introduce the changes. Of the 1,065 people who did respond, about 40 per cent supported the zones.

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# More time to consult on community housing plan

REPORTER

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The timeline to decide on the implementation of a community housing trust (CHT) has been extended after the shadow board agreed more time was needed to consult residents.

A CHT would see council tenants given powers to run their estates, running everything from rent collection to repairs and general maintenance through an elected board of residents and leaseholders dealing with the majority of council housing concerns.

The proposal is modelled on

a scheme set up by Welwyn Hatfield Council.

However, in April, Conservative-led Welwyn Hatfield announced its CHT was under review with the possibility of housing being taken back under council control after five years.

Kingston Council's plans were discussed at the community housing trust shadow board on September 30.

After head of housing at Kingston Council Darren Welsh gave a fairly bleak housing update presentation in response to the Government's July 2015 budget, concern was raised about the timing of trying to make a CHT work at Kingston's Guildhall on September 30.

Mr Welsh told the 22 people at the table: "I have no good news this evening."

He said Kingston would expect to lose just under £10m over four years if the Government's proposed social housing rent decrease came in.

A board member asked whether it would be the right time to be launching a CHT.

Mr Welsh said it was for the board to decide, and there would certainly be a number of challenges, but the CHT would be a "good model".

CHT plans will affect council tenants living across the borough including in Sheephouse Way, Kingsnympton and Alpha Road estates.

Management of the consultation of residents over the

CHT faced criticism from board members.

Richard Grosvenor, of Kingston Federation of Residents, said: "I'm not at all surprised that it's a total flop now and nobody knows about it. I don't know what we've been doing for the last eight months."

Frank Dick, CHT project manager, said an eight page leaflet was being produced to address the problem voiced by many residents being unclear about the proposals.

The board agreed to extend the consultation period.

A decision is now not expected on whether to go ahead with the transformation to a CHT until about February.



Celebrations: Sumantha Saha; David Ford with Jo Sharpen; a wave from riders in a cycle parade

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## Hats off to another successful Surbofest

Bonnets, baseball caps and flamboyantly colourful headwear kept standards high as the Surbiton Festival came to a close.

With a final theme of hats to finish the two-week long party, the sun even put his hat on for those who joined the parade and took part in Festival Day.

The finale of Surbofest saw the festival take over Surbiton with hundreds of people enjoying the sunshine on Saturday, September 26, or "Hatur-day", as it was dubbed.

The festival concluded after two weeks in which the town hosted a weekend of boating and messing about on the river,



comedy shows, a tricyclingathon, a market, parade, musical events and antiques evaluations.

James Berry, MP for Kingston and Surbiton, said: "The Surbiton Festival Saturday showcased all that is good about Surbiton."

"I want to thank the volunteers who put in so much time to make it such a special day for everyone. I cannot wait for next year."

The anticipation for next year's event is already growing – could next year's theme be sunglasses?

**Classics: A family on refurbished Chopper bikes**

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## Borough ranks badly for new homes

As house prices soar and first-time buyers struggle nationally, Kingston has been named among the worst-performing boroughs for building homes. Figures from the National Housing Federation estimated 974,000 homes were needed across the UK between 2011 and 2014, but figures from 326 councils showed only 457,490 were built.

Kingston, Harrow, Maldon, Harrogate and Camden were found to have provided the least housing.

According to figures from Shelter, 90 affordable houses were

built in Kingston last year, and more than 6,000 people were on a council waiting list for a home.

The average price of a house in Kingston is currently £610,070, having risen by more than £400,000 since 1969. This is 14 places behind the area with the most expensive houses in London – Kensington and Chelsea – where the average cost of a house is £2,326,857.

Kingston Council leader Councillor Kevin Davis said: "We have to find a way of building more homes, but also giving residents the chance to shape those

schemes and create places of human scale they would want their children to be able to buy.

"The council does not have the powers to do this alone, so will need to work with the Mayor and Government to ensure we attract the infrastructure we need."

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### Brushing to work? Driver spotted cleaning her teeth behind the wheel

Lots of people doing some things (using mobile phone/tablet, doing make up, eating food on a plate, brushing/flossing, etc) while in control of a moving vehicle. My fave is the lorry driver at M25 (eating spaghetti on a plate while driving) They can be all candidates to Mr T's Craziest Fools tv show.

IMIGRANTE

### Kingston Royals fear redevelopment plans could leave them without pool

Dishonest of Mr Berry not to acknowledge that the biggest threat to local swimming pool provision comes from savage cuts to future sports funding. Cuts Mr Berry and his Conservative Party enthusiastically support.

CAPTAIN SHAMROCK



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# 'Destroyed by greed of home developers'

Kingston and London do not have to accept the population growth that is being predicted, while other parts of the UK languish through lack of investment and residents are forced to migrate to the south-east in search of jobs.

But, as your pages clearly demonstrate through story after story about housing developments, growth is already happening to Kingston.

And, while there was talk of planning for this population increase at the debate, I have yet to see anyone in Kingston truly join the dots over the many and varied plans.

Is the planning office at Kingston Council, along with councillors on the planning committee, the only two bodies that have a say over these schemes?

Who is examining the proposals for the old post office and Eden Walk together?

Who has oversight of the Sury Basin development in connection with the Gala bingo site?

Who is considering the impact on the traffic in Kingston Road when the homes at Kingsmeadow get built in addition to those replacing the office buildings up by the railway line?

Where is the vision that our

historic town centre requires to ensure we do not replace the brick and concrete mistakes of the 1960s with glass and steel errors of the 2010s and 2020s.

Where is the low-carbon future we need to combat global warming?

Where are educational facilities for all the children that will dwell in these homes?

Where are the travel plans – barring the possibility of Crossrail 2 – to sweep all these people into their city jobs?

Where are the health facilities to ease the burden on our already struggling GP surgeries and hospital?

Where are the offices for businesses so some residents can work in Kingston?

Where are the council homes so the housing department is not forced to put families on its waiting list into private accommodation or move them outside the borough?

This piecemeal approach to development in Kingston will destroy it.

At the debate on growth there was much talk by Stewart Murray, assistant director of planning at the Greater London Authority, about the need to plan for expansion.

It appears to me that we have

already failed to do that.

Part of the reason for that is because developers – private companies – are the only ones able to buy land when it becomes available.

Councils are not currently able to contemplate doing so because of the borrowing cap imposed on them by central Government.

We need to push the Government to remove these caps, devolve housing benefit to local councils and to end the right to buy scheme.

This way, councils could have a chance at buying property and land when it becomes available and build the schools, council homes and health facilities where they are needed.

Kingston is being destroyed by the greed of property developers, growth at any cost and the idea that competition – Croydon is getting Westfield, so Kingston must offer something better – is the only option for our future. It is not.

To paraphrase, Kingston is not a shopping centre with an ace town attached, it is a riverside town full of people and communities with some shops. Let us plan for that.

ANDREE FRIEZE  
 Kingston Green Party

## Nice profit

As a former resident of Kingston I visited a member of my family on Saturday, September 26, at 9.15am. We ended up at Kingston Hospital accident and emergency after she cut herself quite badly. The parking charges there are extortionate to say the least – £1.80 for one hour or £3.30 for two hours. The parking company that runs it is making a nice profit on people's misery.

BARRY CALDWELL  
 Via Email

## Forgive him

We do not in any way condone the action for which Paul (Street pastor jailed, October 1) was arrested, but in true Christian spirit, we do forgive. I am now seeking to support him and his family in order to help repair damage caused and seek a new way forward for Paul.

SANDRA KIMBER  
 Minister of Hampton Wick Baptist Church

## TWEETS of the WEEK



David Popey @popeyworld October 4, 1.48pm

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## Nothing blue for adults to be colouring in

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them.

1. Have you seen the latest craze? Adult colouring books. When I say adult I mean colouring-in books for adults, I'm not talking about the nature of the content. I've even heard you can get adult dot-to-dot books. Bizarre, are there any men out there who've gone back to colouring-in? Didn't think so. Maybe women just have more time on their hands.

2. Smoking in cars had to be banned, it was only a matter of time. Even hardened full on fagsters can't argue with this one. Some irresponsible adults have been forcing poisons

## 5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

down their children's throats for far too long.

Smoking now needs banning in public open air spaces too as walking past places like station entrances and certain offices is becoming disgusting.



3. It shouldn't be a political issue, but it shouldn't be a politically correct issue either. Britain is a proud multi-racial country, but we need a sensible solution for the migrant problem. In the end I have no doubt we will adopt a workable process, something akin to the Australian system, but I suspect the stable door will be closed far too late.

4. Heard a brilliant story this week about a cyclist who lost her bag while out on a ride – this one is a real celebration for new technology and an honest person. Everything was in her bag: car keys; cash; mobile phone; assorted "handbag items". She had no idea where she'd dropped it, but tracked the phone and found

the bag hanging on a nail outside an underpass. Everything still there, even the cash.

5. Can't argue with charging for plastic bags. Something needs to be done to protect our environment and this solution is a proven winner. Can't help wondering why they went for 5p though, at 10p they would have raised twice the money and it would have been an equally good deterrent.

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**SICARIO**

Picture: Richard Foreman, Jr

**THIS WEEK'S REASONS TO GO OUT****MUSIC** Kieran Halpin at The Ram Club at Old Cranleight Club, Thames Ditton, on Friday (October 9).

The Irish singer-songwriter, who has recorded a massive 19 albums, showcases his impressive back catalogue at the regular Ram Club. Tickets cost £10 for members or £11 for non members. Go to [theramclub.co.uk](http://theramclub.co.uk).

**FILM** Sicario (15) out Thursday.

South Londoner Emily Blunt leads a cast that also includes Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro in an action thriller that is winning five-star reviews and plaudits across the board.

**TALK** Michael Portillo's Life: A Game of Two Halves at Rose Theatre, Kingston, on Monday.

The broadcaster and former politician swings into the Rose for

an evening of anecdotes and questions and answers. Tickets cost from £13. Go to [theatrekingston.org](http://theatrekingston.org).

**MUSIC** Rudimental at New Slang, Kingston Hippodrome, on Thursday, October 15.

The Brit-winning band follow up their massive Mercury-nominated debut Home with new record We the Generation and a trip to Kingston's Hippodrome. Upstairs on the same night are indie band Nothing

But Thieves. Tickets cost £9. Go to [banquestrecords.com](http://banquestrecords.com)

**THEATRE**

**The Wars of the Roses at the Rose Theatre, Kingston, until October 31.** Theatre legend Sir Trevor Nunn's wars are in full flourish. A top cast including Joely Richardson, Rufus Hound and rising star and Bafta award winner Robert Sheehan is taking on three of Shakespeare's histories: Henry VI, Edward IV and Richard III. Tickets cost from £5. Go to [theatrekingston.org](http://theatrekingston.org).



It doesn't matter how many stars you've got, if the dish is coming back half finished then you have a problem...



# A recipe for SUCCESS

## Head chef at La Rive in Cobham, Eric Payet, talks to JIM PALMER about the restaurant's great location and what customers can expect from the menu.

Fine dining has arrived in Cobham, with a Provencal restaurant opening by the river.

La Rive is now welcoming diners on the High Street and its head chef is Eric Payet, a Frenchman who has worked in a number of Michelin-starred and AA Rosette kitchens since his first job at Putney Bridge

in 1998.

Payet says: "We were just lucky enough to secure the site in Cobham, and that's very fortunate because it's a great location."

"It's suburban, it's green, it's by the river. It's the best location we can ask for."

The restaurant is the old site of La Capanna and Payet says it was handy to be starting where a popular restaurant left off.

He says: "We are already starting from a positive platform. We have to change a little bit of that while at the same time keeping it a little bit similar because it was popular before."

"We didn't do much, to be fair. The building speaks for itself. We refreshed the conservatory and some of the decor. The location is amazing."

In terms of food, the refined La Rive is significantly different from the Italian offering of

La Capanna.

Payet, who also runs Hare and Hounds in Lingfield with his business partner Simon Rand, says: "It's a little bit more updated. It's a little bit more modern – not scientific-style food – but modern twists here and there. It's Provencal and Mediterranean."

The key to achieving great results, Payet says, was to focus on what's in season and parts of the menu change frequently, sometimes daily.

He says: "I can only do what the supplier sends to me. If they send me some good prawns today, I'll do prawns. Tomorrow, it could be something else."

One example of seasonal dining is Payet's current recommendation, the beef cheek.

Payet says: "It's different to what people expect – it is very tender. You don't even need a knife – just a fork and a spoon. Actually the way the weather is, it's perfect. It's a balance between a light dish and comfort food."

Payet has worked hard on the menu to make sure there is something for everyone and that includes what he terms "masculine" and "feminine" dishes. Grilled meat is cooked in a charcoal oven using oak, to give the perfect flavour.

With so many stars and rosettes on his CV, it seems inevitable that more will follow but Eric is coy on the prospect of industry recognition.

He says: "I think the best reward you can get is a happy customer and checking all the plates when they come back and if they're empty that is the best reward you can get."

"It doesn't matter how many stars you've got, if the dish is coming back half finished then you have a problem."

"Are we looking to get into those kind of stars and all of that? I don't know. I think we will let the people judge."

● **La Rive, in Cobham High Street, is open now. For more information, visit [larivecobham.com](http://larivecobham.com).**



ERIC PAYET





Professor  
Brian Cox

# LET'S GET QUIZ-ICAL

**Do you fancy yourself as a bit of a Quizzy Rascal? Pit your wits against these tricky questions from the Ship in Wandsworth.**

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- 2) What is the name of the victim in the UK board game Cluedo?
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- 4) Which car manufacturing company was founded by Giovanni Agnelli in Turin in 1899?

- 5) Which was the first club to retain the FA Cup in the 20th century?
- 6) Which is the smallest London borough in terms of area - 4.68 square miles?
- 7) Which sport is played on a field 300 yards long by 160 yards wide?
- 8) In a list of the names of Kings of Scotland, which is the second most popular?
- 9) Sea Fans, Sea Whips, and Sea Plumes are all types of what?

10) At which University did Professor Brian Cox complete his doctor of philosophy degree in high particle physics?

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## PET OF THE WEEK



Say 'hi' to our Pet of the Week, Sydney (Syd) to his pals.

He's a jug - that's a jack russell-pug cross for the unfamiliar - and is two years old.

He belongs to Amanda Matthews, who took this photo at Hampton Common.

She says: "Once he is up and about he's lively and mad for running/chasing balls. But at night he's lazy like a pug and impossible to wake in the mornings."

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## REVIEW: RICHARD III Part of The Wars of the Roses trilogy at the Rose Theatre

**A**ny one of the plays that make up The Wars of the Roses, combined with this director - former RSC and Royal National Theatre artistic director, sir Trevor Nunn - and this cast would be feted on most stages in the country, that they chose Kingston speaks volumes of the Rose's reputation, writes Jim Palmer.

This is the first time Shakespeare's plays have been configured into this trio of Henry VI, Edward IV and Richard III since its original run in 1963, under the stewardship of Peter Hall and John Barton.

Latterly it has been described by some as Shakespeare's Game of Thrones and, if the final part is anything to go by, it was a fine choice to bring it back to the stage.

Everyone knows the most satisfying part of a trilogy is the last and Richard III is a wildly satisfying finale.

When we meet Richard here - a deformed Duke of Gloucester, brother to the king - he tells us up front: "since I cannot prove a lover... I am determined to prove a villain". And prove it he does, scheming his way to the throne through dodgy deals and murder.

In the titular role, young BAFTA-nominated actor Robert Sheehan shows why he is a star in the ascendancy and increasingly in demand in the movies. He gives a virtuoso performance that is magnetic, with no one coming close to stealing a scene that he's in.

Which is not to say the rest of a fine cast are phoning it in. Far

from it, the cast of Richard III is excellent, and it is particularly admirable considering this is only a third of their workload.

Rufus Hound as Rivers, Alexandra Gilbreath as Queen Elizabeth and Alexander Hanson as Buckingham are stand-out performers. Joely Richardson plays a relatively minor part in this instalment as widowed Queen Margaret but still manages to show why she's such a star.

Richard III is a tale of treachery and it's telling is lifted by a liberal splash of black humour. It is to the credit to Trevor Nunn that it is flawlessly executed.

It is for greater people than I to discuss old Bill Shakespeare's merits but this adaptation really works and Richard is as iconic a villain as any we've

seen in the nearly 400 years since Shakespeare committed him to the stage.

So exquisite is the script that you'll nod in recognition to the bits you've heard people say - 'My kingdom for a horse', 'Now is the winter of our discontent' - and you'll also marvel at nearly every line besides.

It is theatre that draws you to the edge of your seat. I'd take it over Game of Thrones any day.

● *The Wars of the Roses* is at the Rose Theatre, Kingston, until October 31. Tickets from £5. Go to [rosetheatrekingston.org](http://rosetheatrekingston.org).



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Leaders' technical and compliance director, **Carole Charge** (pictured), addresses some key questions relating to the new regulations:

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**Who is responsible for checking the alarms are working?** At the start of a tenancy it is the responsibility of the landlord to make sure the alarms are working – alarms should be checked on the first day of the tenancy commencement. During the tenancy tenants should take responsibility for their own



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**Should the alarms be hard-wired or battery-powered?** The regulations do not stipulate one type or another, however if your property is a house share or house in multiple occupation (HMO) – a property

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**Should the alarms be installed in a specific place?**

Apart from stipulating that there should be at least one smoke alarm installed on every storey and a carbon

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monoxide alarm in any room containing a solid fuel burning appliance, the regulations do not specify exactly where the alarms should be placed. The alarm manufacturer's instructions should be followed.

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## Kids try to blow rugby blues away

Children from Old Emanuel RFC, right in gold, were among 450 players who try-ed to get over the World Cup blues at an Elmbridge rugby festival on Sunday.

Like England – who lost 33-13 to Australia on Saturday – they went home empty handed as host club Weybridge Vandals won the U8, U9, U11 and U12 competitions, with Old Cranleighans U10s winners.

Old Emanuel's seniors lost 20-10 to Law Society in Surrey Division One on Saturday.

## More sport: kingstonguardian.co.uk



**Award winning: Ks boss Tommy Williams**

## Award for Ks manager

Kingstonian boss Tommy Williams celebrated his manager of the month award for September by kicking off October with three more points, writes *Stuart Amos*.

A Jake Kempton double and one from Dan Bennett secured Ks their best result of the season so far as they won 3-1 at high-flying Grays Athletic on Friday night.

The win briefly lifted Williams' men in to the Ryman Premier League play-off places, before the weekend results saw them slip back to seventh.

The Kingsmeadow chief, who collected a manager of the month award once before while in charge at Carshalton Athletic, was honoured for securing four wins and a draw from five league matches in a month plagued by injuries and suspensions.

"It is nice to get rewarded for all the hard work you put in," he said.

"But this is a group effort. The players have shown some real character and togetherness over the past month.

"One or two have had to play out of position and others have had to play through injury to keep the momentum going."

Ks host Billericay Town on Saturday before heading to Hendon on Monday.



**Match winner: Ks striker Jake Kempton**

## GB CALL-UP: Goal blitz earns Surbiton's Forsyth Olympic chance

# The flying Scotsman



**Moving on: Surbiton's Alan Forsyth has put behind him the pain of missing out on EuroHockey Nations Championship promotion with Scotland in the summer**

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Surbiton hot shot Alan Forsyth has been shocked by the form this season that has landed him a shot at an Olympic Games appearance.

The 23-year-old smashed his third hat-trick of the season to help his team brush aside Canterbury 6-2 in the Men's Hockey League Premier Division on Saturday.

Scotland international Forsyth scored 18 goals in the whole of last season, but already has 11 to his name this time around – enough to secure a call-up to the Team GB central training programme preparing for next month's World League final in India.

Selection for the trip to Asia remains a long shot, but the St John's School, Leatherhead, hockey coach has not ruled out being involved.

And with the 2016 Games in Brazil looming on the horizon, he is in the perfect place to stake his claim for a seat on the plane to Rio.

"My form has been a bit of a shock really," said Forsyth, who is joined in the GB squad by countryman and Surbiton team-mate Chris Grassick.

"I don't go into games saying I need to score this amount of goals. It happens that the way we are playing means there are a lot of chances being created, which suits me.

"I was on holiday with my girlfriend when the GB coach called to tell me he wanted to bring me in.

"I've recently moved job to coach at St John's School and September was a bit of a manic month sorting that all out, so I can train with GB full-time.

"They have been really helpful.

"The World League is just a few weeks away, so I understand it is a long shot.

"You never know how sport goes with injuries and the like, but you can never say never.

"I'm training with some of the best players in the world like Ashley Jackson and Barry Middleton, so it is a great opportunity.

"I have to keep my head down, keep learning, keep improving in training and keep performing for my club and we'll see what happens."

Surbiton's win over Canterbury – which also featured strikes from Stephen Kelly, Jonathan Gall and Michael Watt – put the Sugden Road outfit two points clear of big spending Holcombe at the top of the league table.

Williams' side have won each of their opening four games and Forsyth believes the fast start is down to good pre-season preparation.

"Starting a season is always tough because you never know how the team will come together and perform in a match no matter how much preparation you do," he added.

"But our pre-season match with German side Mannheimer was our starting point for the season.

"They were a good team and we knew we had to raise our standards from there.

"We've made the play-offs every season I have been here. Results do not really matter at the moment, it is more about the performances we are putting in.

"Performances will get you to the play-offs because if you get that right, the results take care of themselves."

Surbiton host Cannock on Sunday.



**At the double: Josh Uzun, left, celebrates one of his penalty strikes**

Stuart Tree

## Cash rich Casuals

Corinthian Casuals pocketed £2,500 in FA Trophy prize money after Josh Uzun struck twice from the penalty spot in a 2-1 win over Ryman League rivals Three Bridges on Saturday, writes *Stuart Amos*.

Uzun's first half brace was enough to seal the Tolworth-based side's place in the next round where they will take on either Arlesey Town or Redbridge at home on October 31.

It ended a barren run in the FA competitions for Corinthian Casuals after exiting both the Cup and Trophy at the first stage last season and again in the Cup back in August.

"I'm used to winning cup games in my career," said boss James Bracken.

"I know the club hasn't done great in these FA competitions in the past few years. But I said to the lads 'this one ends at Wembley' and if you can't get yourself up for that, what are you doing playing football?"

## SPORTSbrief

**RUGBY UNION:** New Malden-based KCS Old Boys maintained their 100 per cent winning London Division Two South West record with a 29-8 triumph over Old Reigatian. Kingston were edged out 9-8 at Old Cranleighans in Surrey Division One.

**FIXTURES:** KCS Old Boys v Weybridge Vandals, Old Wellingtonians v Kingston, Old Paulines v Old Emanuel.

**FOOTBALL:** Chessington & Hook United thrashed hosts Worcester Park 5-1 in the Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup on Saturday. They head to Sutton Common Rovers in the league this weekend.

**HOCKEY:** Captain Sarah Haycroft hit the winner as Surbiton Ladies beat Canterbury 4-3 on Saturday. Jenna Woolven, Charlotte Calnan and Rebecca Herbert got the other goals. They head to Clifton this weekend.

**PARKRUN:** Andrius Jaksevicius won the Bushy Park parkrun in 16 minutes 22 seconds on Saturday.

## Experience key to Onslow-Cole's debut podium

Tom Onslow-Cole drew on his British Touring Car Championship experience to claim a World Rallycross Championship RX Lites Cup podium finish in Turkey, writes *Stuart Amos*.

The New Malden 28-year-old, driving an Olsberg MSE prepared car, finished third in Sunday's final after five qualifying races in Istanbul on his debut in the event.

Onslow-Cole, who won his RC Lites race seat in an MSA talent search shootout, made 189 starts and won seven

races in a seven-year BTCC career which saw him go close to claiming the drivers' championship title in 2010.

"For my debut, it could not have gone much better," he said.

"It's so different to GT racing, but I think some of my Touring Car skills came in handy.

"This track has a lot of gravel compared to other rallycross tracks and I thought that would hold me back.

"But, actually, I was as strong in that sector as I was

on the Tarmac.

"I'm absolutely buzzing and I'm hungry for more.

"I'd like to thank the MSA, the World RX Championship, RX Lites, Olsbergs MSE and Rockstar Energy Drinks for making this happen.

"If I have it my way, I'll be back soon."

Onslow-Cole returns to 24Hour Series action in the Czech Republic this weekend where he hopes to claim the GT3 drivers' title in his RAM Racing Mercedes SLS AMG GT3.



**Racer: Tom Onslow-Cole**

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At first, Colin sought help from the usual channels, visiting casualty, a physiotherapist and even an orthoptist who prescribed rigid (and uncomfortable) half-sole inserts.

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